

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Alexander S. Gybin and Toshifumi Komatsu Examiner: Suzanne E. McDowell
Serial No.: 10/017,466 Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: December 13, 2001 Docket: 2970.101US01
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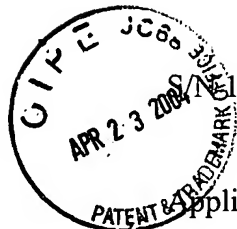
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 25, 2004, Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-18), which are drawn to a method.

This election is made without prejudice to presenting the non-elected claims in a divisional application. Specifically, while Applicants make the election indicated herein, Applicants maintain the option to file a divisional application directed to claims of Group II, drawn to an article.

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